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何年か前までは『ジャンクフードの帝王』と言われるくらいジャンクが好きでした。その中でも一番好きだったのは、やっぱりハンバーガーとフライドポテト! ハンバーガーならロッテリア、マック、バーガーキング、…etc. 一度に3つは平気でたいらげていましたが、…現在は1個食うのもしんどいです。ここまで変わった自分が信じられません。

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つい最近まで運転に興味が無かったので、私の同年輩の韓国人男性なら普通持っているはずの運転免許を持っていませんでした。
しかし、不意にドライブしたい気持ちが湧き上がり、暖かい春になったら免許取得に挑戦するつもりです。
…なんか…ドキドキしますね。

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TODAY, THIS CITY IS FULL OF DISTORTED TERA...

THE ONES WHO SHOULD DIE USUALLY SURVIVE...

THE ONES WHO SHOULD LIVE, ARE BEING ERASED.

THEN AGAIN, IT IS NOT SO UNUSUAL,

THE WAY THIS FLOW IS TWISTING DOPPEL LINERS...

FATE.14 SELF-SCORN × MISCONCEIVE

JUST AS UNNATURAL DEATHS ARE INCREASING,

"STRAY PEOPLE"*, TOO, ARE NATURALLY INCREASING...

JUST A TINY RIPPLE--

--EVENTUALLY BECOMES MANY, CAUSING HUGE WAVES...

NOTE: THIS IS LATER WRITTEN AS "ALTER EGO." SPECIFIED WITHOUT PRONOUNCED KATAKANA HERE.

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Oh! I WAS THINKING ABOUT BUYING SOME BREAD ON THE WAY HOME...

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WELCOME!

Hmm... KEITA LIKES THAT KIND!... I THINK.

DID YOU SEE THAT THIS MORNING?

HOW SAD...

THAT'S RIGHT, KURO IS ALSO HOME. THAT GIRL LIKES SWEETS, I'M SURE.

HOW SCARY ...

...?

THERE WERE BLOODY FOOT-PRINTS LEFT BEHIND...

IT REALLY IS.

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I'M HOME! AND I BROUGHT A BIT OF BREAD!

Ah, AKANE-SAN, WELCOME HOME.

……!?

DID YOU HEAR, KURO? THIS MORNING, A GIRL WAS RUN OVER BY A TRUCK RIGHT ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF US.

IN HIS ROOM...

WHERE'S KEITA? DID HE GO OUT?

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WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DISTURBING THINGS HAPPENING LATELY? IT'S SCARY...

YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL! AT TIMES LIKE THIS, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN...

KEITA, I BOUGHT SOME BREAD.

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JUST AS I THOUGHT... MAYU-CHAN WAS--

…!?

DEAD …

IN FRONT OF MY EYES!

IN FRONT OF MY EYES THAT KID WAS--

EVEN THOUGH I WAS TALKING TO HER JUST BEFORE …!

K-KEITA-KUN?!

I CAN'T FORGET IT!

THE SCENE OF HER DEATH.

AS I WATCHED, THE SCENE WAS BURNED INTO MY MEMORY!

NO WAY THEN, THIS MORNING'S ACCIDENT

WHY?!

-Uuhh-

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN IN FRONT OF ME?

SCARED I'M SCARED

DAMN!

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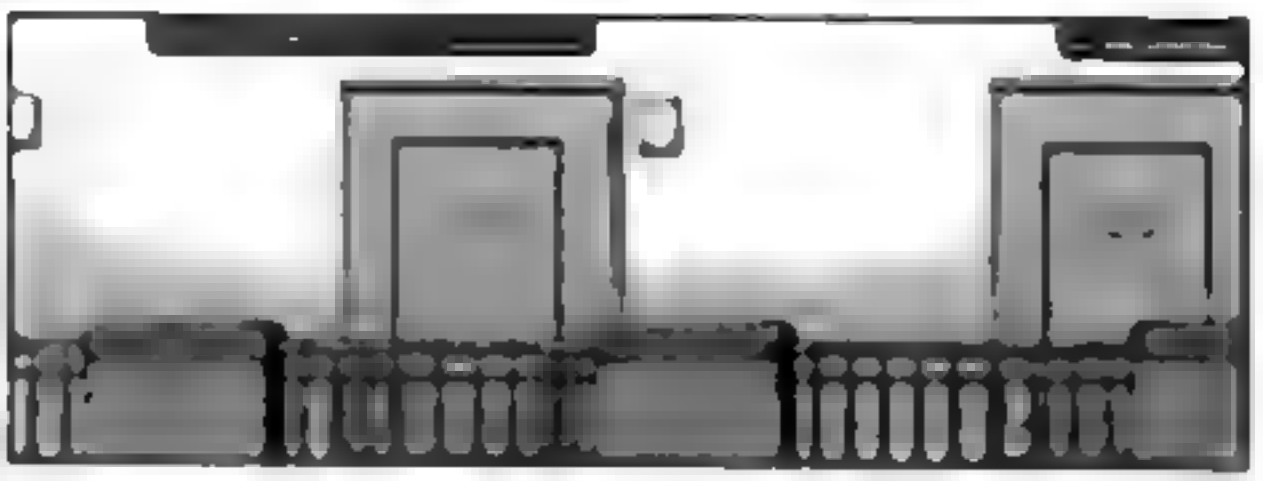
KEITA...

~Sniff~

~Uhhh~



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……!?

YOU... WHY DO YOU KNOW THAT ?

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I'LL ASK ONCE MORE.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF MEETING ANOTHER PERSON WHO RESEMBLED YOURSELF?

!

WHA--

THEN, WHY ARE YOU STILL ALIVE ..?

AND YET, YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXIST FOR THIS LONG.

YOU--

I FEEL QUITE A STRONG TERRA COMING FROM YOU.

WHO'RE YOU?!

--ALTER EGO!

W-WHAT?

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE ?!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?!

Ahh?!

YOU OPPOSE THE "COEXISTANCE BALANCE" THE FACT THAT YOU EXIST IS A MISTAKE

DISAPPEAR!

...?

!!!

.....

DOESN'T MATTER.

.....

Oh, OKAY.

HOW ABOUT I MAKE YOU YOUR FAVOURITE LUNCH TODAY?

.....

IN THE FIRST PLACE HUMAN LIFE DOESN'T GO THE WAY WE EXPECT IT TO IT'S BEST NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT SO MUCH

THAT'S RIGHT, KEITA. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU KNEW HER VERY WELL

IT'S STRANGE,

KURO WAS THE ONE WHO GOT ALONG WITH MAYU SO WELL SHOULDN'T THIS CONCERN YOU MORE ?

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But th-
that's what
human life
is ..

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE THE ONE TO RECIEVE MORE OF A SHOCK,

BUT QUITE THE OPPOSITE, YOU ARE THE ONE TRYING TO CHEER ME UP

.....

.....

?

IN OTHER NEWS, THERE WAS A SLIP AND FALL ACCIDENT

.....

...

THERE WAS NO APPARENT MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE.

BUT ACCORDING TO POLICE, THE RESIDENT LEANED ON A CORRODED HAND RAIL AND FELL BY ACCIDENT

LAST NIGHT BEFORE DAWN, A LOCAL RESIDENT WAS FOUND DEAD OUTSIDE OF HIS HIGH RISE APARTMENT BUILDING

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Ahhh!

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NO DOUBT, THEY WERE THERE..

KEITA-SAN!

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KEITA-KUN?!

IT WAS THEM!

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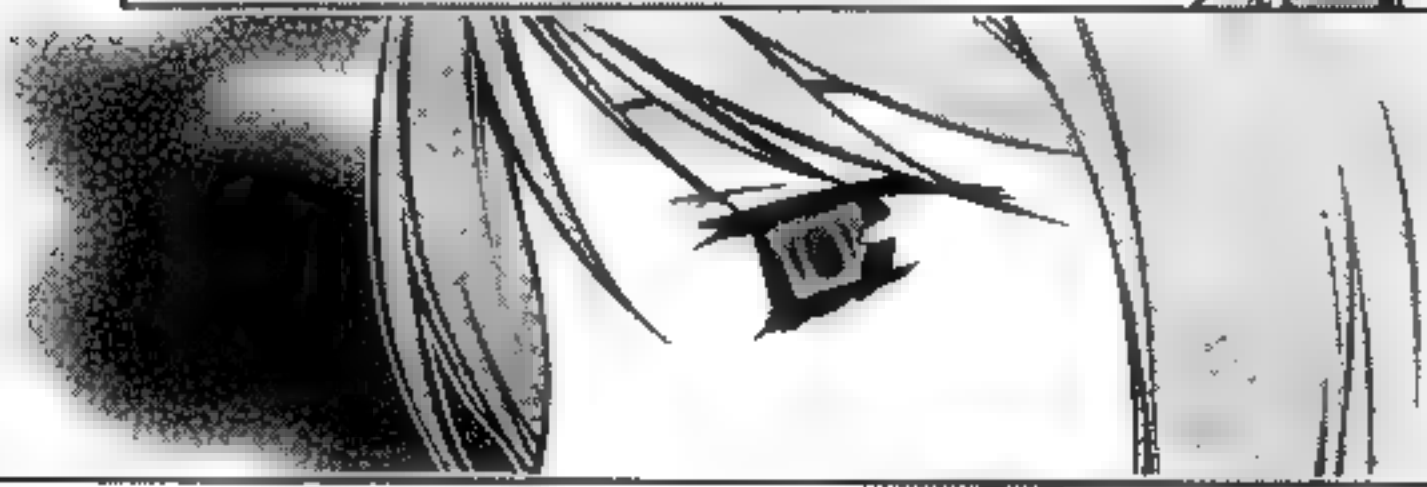

OF ALL THINGS, FOR SOMEONE TO DIE IN FRONT OF HIM

IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE DIDN'T HAVE TO EXPERIENCE THE TRAUMA OF THAT DAY EVER AGAIN

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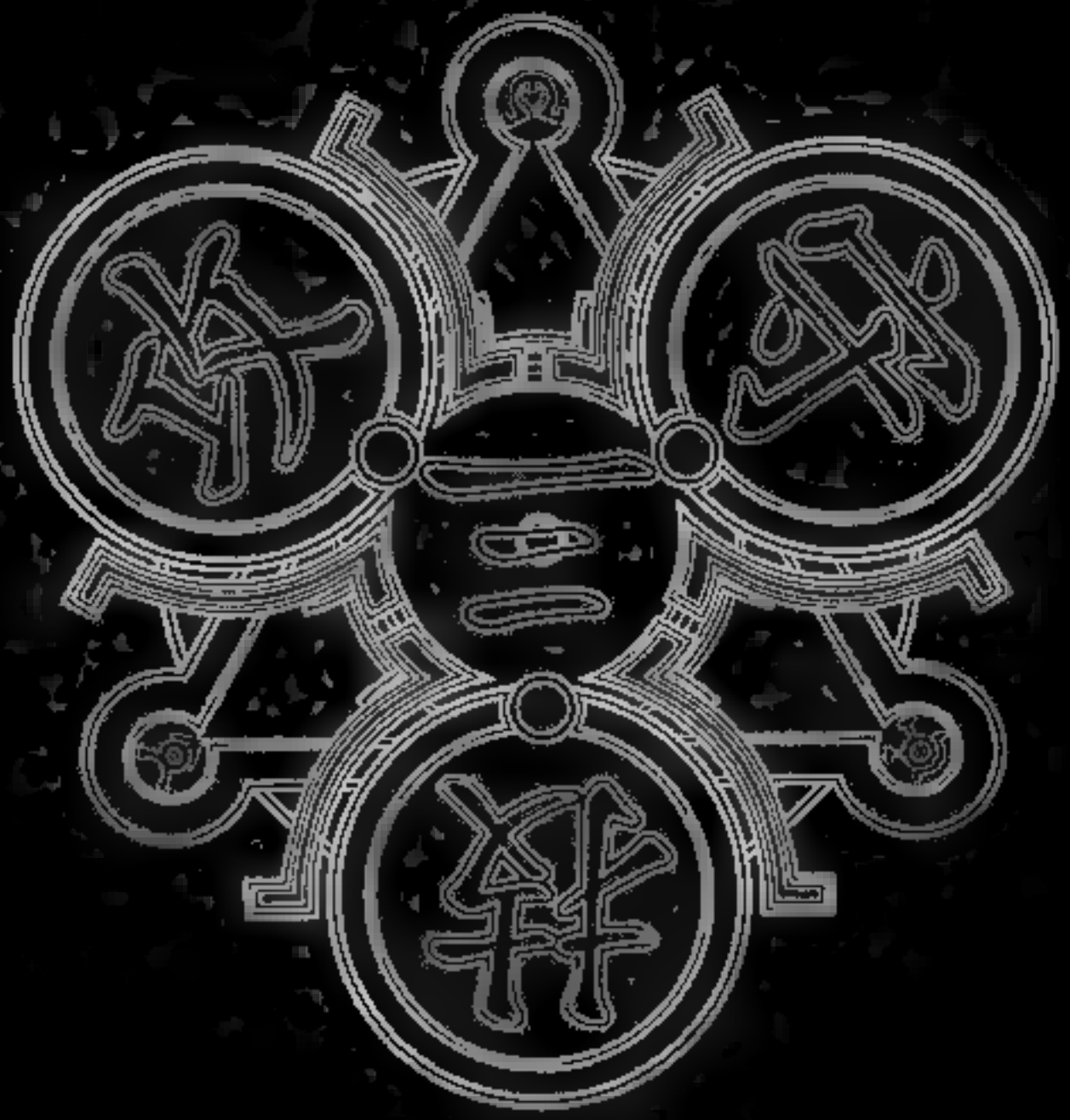
IT'S THAT WOMAN...?



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THERE SHE IS..

BEARING A BODY THAT SHOULD BE DESTROYED, YET STILL ALIVE. .

WHY THAT IS, I DON'T KNOW . BUT IN THIS CITY SUCH PEOPLE ARE FEW ..

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A BEING WITH THE DEVIL'S LUCK, OPPOSING THE DIVINE LAW OF COEXISTING BALANCE. .

... IS WHAT AN "ALTER EGO" IS.

FATE.15 APPROACH × VIGILANCE

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JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

Hm?

HEY, WOMAN.

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THAT TICKET IS OURS..

NEXT PERSON, PLEASE.

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RIGHT AWAY

I'D LIKE TO CASH IN THIS TRAVELER'S CHEQUE, PLEASE.

WOW. A PARENT AND CHILD FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY!

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RELINQUISH THAT MEAGER BIT OF REMAINING TERA AND DISAPPEAR!

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WHAT IS IT
STRANGE?

STILL THIS
WOMAN

THIS CASE
IS THE FIRST
ONE THAT
MOVES LIKE
A GOD"?

SOME
THING'S
WRONG

FOR A
DOPPEL LIKE
SHE'S OVER
FLOWING WITH
TEPA

SO MAY
AN ORDINARY
ALTER EGO'S
REMAINING TEPA
SHOULD BE
QUITE A SMALL
AMOUNT

!

Uh... I'M SORRY, YOU WANTED CASH EXCHANGE? IN THAT CASE, I NEED TO SEE YOUR PASSPORT

Huh? WHAT WAS I

.....

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I LEFT MY PASSPORT IN THE HOTEL

Noooo!

We were gonna buy that limited edition Dollfie in Akihabara, isn't the shop gonna close?!

*HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/DOLLFIE

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Awww! I don't wanna wait until tomorrow~

What if they're all sold out?

WITHOUT A PASSPORT, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO. LET'S COME AGAIN TOMORROW

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Ah, SIR--!

THOSE ARE THE RULES LET'S GO

KAGY

FIRST OFF WE MUST INVESTIGATE EVERYTHING CONCERNING THAT WOMAN IN DETAIL

RIGHT

IF THAT WOMAN IS NOT AN ALTER EGO THEN THAT MEANS A DIFFERENT ALTER EGO EXISTS.

EVEN SO I CAN'T DETECT ANY OTHER EXISTANCE

I SEE... THIS CITY IS FAR MORE INTERESTING THAN WE THOUGHT YOU'RE SAYING IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE ELSE EXISTS

LOOKS LIKE THIS WILL BE INTERESTING Hahaha

...!?

EXCUSE ME, SIR!

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.....!

UM... PLEASE USE THIS. IT'S FROM MY PERSONAL SAVINGS.

IT WOULD BE FINE TO REPAY ME TOMORROW WHEN YOU COME WITH YOUR PASSPORT.

I'M SORRY, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ACCEPT THIS...

PLEASE DON'T MIND IT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE IT ON TIME TO BUY WHAT THE YOUNG LADY WANTED, RIGHT?

BESIDES, I'M ALSO A FAN OF DOLLFIES! ♡

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WELL THEN, I'LL BE WAITING TOMORROW

I AGREE.

RECIEVING SUCH A FAVOR FROM ONE DESERVING OF DESTRUCTION. MAKES ME FEEL SICK

MS YUKI, THE M & A CASE WAS COMPLETED AS INSTRUCTED

GOOD WORK

WHERE'S REISHIN?

HE SAID HE HAD TO INVESTIGATE SOMETHING AND LEFT ON HIS OWN.

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EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU, THAT'S ENOUGH

REISHIN OF THE LION GOD CLAN...

JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ?

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BACK AT YOU!

ARE YOU TRYING TO SNUGGLE UP TO ME?! GROSS!

GEEZ!

JUST WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?!

SHUT UP! IF SOMEONE OVERHEARS US THEY'LL MISUNDER-STAND!

Aw WHY NOT? WE BOTH SHARE THAT BODY ANYWAY

AMONG THOSE WHO'VE MADE CONTRACTS WITH MOTOTSUMITAMAS, IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S SOME WHO HATE EACH OTHER LIKE BITTER ENEMIES.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

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HEY, KEITA-SAN

Hm?

BITTER ENEMIES?

THE MONTHS AND YEARS SPENT TOGETHER BETWEEN A MOTOTSUMITAMA AND THE PERSON CONTRACTED, ALSO ALLOWS THEM TO SHARE THEIR HEARTS.

JOY AND SADNESS, FEELINGS OF CONFIDENCE AND AFFECTION FOR THEIR PARTNER. AS WELL AS ANGER AND HATRED

YES, ALL OF THOSE THINGS. .

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NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF WORDS ARE USED TO SMOOTH IT OVER, IT IS SAD AND PAINFUL

BUT IF, BY SOME CHANCE. FEELINGS OF DOUBT ARISE, THEY WILL DEFINITELY BE CONVEYED

IF THEY CONFIDE IN EACH OTHER, AND THOSE FEELINGS BECOME STRONG, THEY WILL FORM A BOND OF DEEP TRUST, GREATER THAN ANYONE ELSE'S

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF KEITA-SAN BECAME LIKE THAT SOMEDAY ..

EVEN WITHOUT WORDS, BOTH CAN SYMPATH ZE WITH ONE ANOTHER

.....

Ah NO! I DON'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING LIKE THAT

SO? YOU WANT TO HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH ME IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY?

WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT HERE?

I'LL TELL YOU THIS. I WON'T RECOGNIZE ANYONE SMALLER THAN A C CUP!

...?

BUT STILL,

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO SAY... THANKS, BRAT

KEITA-SAN

HEEEY! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS COZY ATMOSPHERE YOU TWO ARE MAKING?!

!

Y-YOU'RE WRONG!

THIS IS-- IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

WELCOME HOME, AKANE-SAN!

Just kidding. I'M HOME!

.....?
IT-IT'S THEM?!

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

OH MY THE CUSTOMER FROM BEFORE?

?

C'MERE!

HURRY!

AKANE! GET OVER HERE, NOW!

WHY? WHAT IS IT KEITA?

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?!

YOU SAY THAT, BUT I DON'T SENSE HIM TO BE A SKILLED TERA USER.

SO, PROBABLY.

IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE THE CONTRACT WAS MADE.

...!

WHAT ARE YOU SO SURPRISED ABOUT?

WITHOUT READING THE FLOW OF TERA CORRECTLY, CAN YOU REALLY USE THE TRUE POWER OF THE MOTO-TSUMITAMA?

THESE TWO ARE PRETTY EXPERIENCED

KYAA!

!?

.....?

DON'T LET DOWN YOUR GUARD KURU MOST LIKELY THESE GUYS ARE--

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--MAYU'S--

...!?

Ah THAT MUST BE THE CHILD FROM EARLIER WHO WAS HIT BY A TRUCK NEARBY HERE

MAYU. YOU SAY?

YOU TWO WHY DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT ?

...!!

...!!

NOT "WHY"

THAT UNSIGHTLY ALTER EGO THAT WAS CLINGING TO LIFE WAS FATED TO DIE... AND IT WAS NOT LEAD TO ITS DEATH BY CHANCE, IT WAS BECAUSE OF US!

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STOP IT...!

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--MONSTER!

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FATE.16 SPIRIT.* AGREEMENT

AND JUST WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
-Kuh-
Heh
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU TWO!
I'LL KILL YOU!

THEN I ASSUME YOU'RE READY TO DIE TOO?

THE HUMAN--OR I SHOULD SAY THE MUTOTSUMIYAMA'S PARTNER--INTENDS ON FORCING HIS WAY INTO THIS DISPUTE?

WHAT?!

IT ISN'T EXACTLY CLEAR WHAT YOU ARE AFTER, BUT IF THE TWO OF YOU INTEND TO HURT MORE PEOPLE THEN--

!

!

HHHH

--KURO CAN'T SIT BACK AND WATCH!

KURO

OKAY, LET'S GO!

SYNCHRO !!

THEY ARE SO FULL OF THEM SELVES

THAT BASTARD

CRUSH HIM, KURO!

--FLOWING THROUGH ME"

KEITA'S ANGER IS--

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE SWIFT!

CAN'T DO ANYTHING!

ATTACK!
WHA?!

THAT ONE HURT HIM I CAN WIN!

...!!!

KEITA SAN
LET'S TEST
THE FRUITS OF
OUR TRAINING!

DO IT!

YOU WANNA
USE THAT ↗

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TRANSCENDENTAL TECHNIQUE

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ANNIHILATE

MESSAGE

得救世

READ SALVATION

GOT HIM!

Kyaa!

...!!

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IS THAT...

USING EXCEED FROM THE VERY START

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W-WHAT HAPPENED?

W-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!

WHY DOES A CONTRACTED PERSON--

THAT PROTECTIVE WALL. EXACTLY WHAT IS IT?

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STILL, I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE USING SUCH FORCE

ARE YOU NOT USING IT FOR THE SAKE OF "COEXISTANCE-EQUILIBRIUM"?

DO YOU INTEND TO GO ALL OUT, STEINER?

IT MAKES ME SICK!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, PARTNER.

YES.

SYNCHRO !!

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EXCEED

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WHAT IS THIS ?

BUNSHIN ?!

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KEITA-SAN! PLEASE STAY BACK!

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!!?

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:Ngh:

FERE WITH

THIS RATE KURO WILL BE OVERWHELMED BY THIS DISADVANTAGE

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THAT'S RIGHT THIS IS A FIGHT THAT FAR EXCEEDS ANY HUMAN'S STRENGTH!

AN OPENING!

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OH
NO!

WAIT ! I THOUGHT THERE WERE FOUR ?

!!

KUROI

KYAA!

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A--

AKANE-SAN

SHIT!

NOOOO!

K-KEITA!

AKANE!

BASTARD! WHAT'RE YOU--

HE WAS PLANNING THIS FROM THE BEGINNING?!

!!

KEITA!

KEITA-SAN!

DON'T MOVE!

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FATE.17 CONFUSION × SHOCK

WELL THEN, WHAT KIND OF LESSON WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE ?
-Kuh-
PERHAPS I SHOULD FIRST CRUSH THIS WOMAN'S NECK AS AN EXAMPLE ?

YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S NO REASON TO KILL HER YET, RIGHT?

THAT WOMAN IS VITAL TO OUR INVESTIGATION.

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STOP RIGHT THERE, STEINER.

!?

STEINER!

!

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!!

BUT EXCEL,

WE HAVE TO PAY BACK THESE RUDE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO ATTACK US

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C-CALM DOWN, I WAS JUST JOKING!

I SAID "STOP," DID I NOT?

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…!?

YOUNG MAN,

キュイン

ビクン

…!?

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…!?

WE HAVE A FEW INQUIRIES FOR HER... THAT IS ALL.

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR HOSTILITY, WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RETALIATE.

HOWEVER, OUR ONLY BUSINESS IS WITH THIS WOMAN NAMED AKANE. IT WAS NEVER OUR INTENT TO KILL HER.

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ALL RIGHT, THEN HAND HER OVER! THE TALKING'S AFTER THAT!

IF THEY'D HAD THE INTENT TO KILL AKANE THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED HER ALREADY.

I'M CERTAIN

パシ

ケイタ

…！

AKANE ARE YOU OKAY?

AKANE-SAN!

KEITA!

…

YOU GOT HER BACK SO NOW LET'S TALK

FIRST OF ALL,

INVITING GUESTS IN FOR TEA WOULD BE THE POLITE THING TO DO, WOULDN'T IT?

!?

RIGHT! SHE WITNESSED HER DOPPEL LINER AND YET LIVED, SHE HAD CHANGED INTO AN ALTER EGO.

YOU SAID MAYU'S FATE WAS TO DIE?

--THAT GIRL'S TERA WAS GONE. WE BROUGHT HER RELIEF.

IT WAS A TRADGEDY, TOO, BECAUSE--

WHAT THE HELL KIND OF RELIEF INVOLVES LETTING A KID THAT YOUNG GET RUN OVER?!

RELIEF?

YOU MISUNDER-
STAND US.

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KEITA-SAN

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MOTOTSUMITAMA ARE THE ONES WHO CONFORM WITH THE LAW OF COEXISTENCE BALANCE," ELIMINATING **ALTER EGOS**, AND NOTHING MORE.

LISTEN CAREFULLY

HUMANS MEET THEIR DOPPEL GANGER AND **DIE**. THIS IS THE WORLD'S, AND TERA'S, NATURAL MECHANISM...

IF THAT GIRL NAMED MAYU HAD CONTINUED LIVING, BAD LUCK WOULD HAVE PLAGUED HER WITHOUT REST

EVENTUALLY, THE EFFECT WOULD HAVE REACHED HER SURROUNDINGS...

FAMILY, AND EVEN UNRELATED PEOPLE WOULD HAVE MET TRAGIC DEATHS OR BECOME INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS.

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Wha.. ?

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING EVEN YOUR PARTNER KNOWS THIS WELL

Hahaha, KURO, JUST WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABO--

IT'S TRUE.

KURO, YOU--

ONCE MAYU MET HER DOPPELGANGER, HER FATE WAS TO DIE AT SOME POINT

IT'S SAD, BUT THIS TRUTH WON'T CHANGE.

Um. THE TEA IS READY.

JUST WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT? LOOKS SERIOUS.

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WELL THEN. PLEASE JOIN US.

SAME HERE.

I LOVE BLACK TEA.

Ah, BUT, I'M NOT SURE IT WILL SUIT YOUR TASTE

THESE TEA LEAVES ARE EXQUISITE THIS EARL GREY, IF YOU REALLY LIKE IT I THINK ROYAL MILK TEA WOULD ALSO SUIT YOUR TASTE.

Oh my! I DRINK THAT OFTEN, TOO! ♡

Mmm.

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BEFORE THAT, THERE'S ONE THING I'D LIKE TO ASK

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT! JUST **WHAT** ARE YOU TWO AFTER?!

WHY'VE YOU COME TO TOKYO?!

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE EXPERI-ENCE OF MEETING YOURSELF?

…?

……!!?

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JUST AS I THOUGHT……

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N-NO?

WE ARE MEMBERS OF "THE NOBLE ONE", FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION. IT IS PART OF THE GERMAN HIGH COUNSEL

IN EUROPE, FOUR MOTOTSUMTAMA GROUPS EXIST. A FEDERATION WAS FORMED BETWEEN THEM TO PROTECT THE COEXISTENCE BALANCE "

THE PROBABILITY OF DOPPEL LINER ENCOUNTERS IS EXTREMELY RARE IN THE FIRST PLACE... IN SPITE OF THAT, ALTER EGOS ARE MULTIPLYING.

PRESENTLY IN TOKYO, ABNORMAL PHENOMENA RELATED TO COEXISTENCE BALANCE* ARE OCCURRING, OF THE SORT NEVER BEFORE SEEN, ACROSS THE WORLD.

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MOTOTSUITAMA CLAN UNION?!

SOMETHING IS ARTIFICIALLY MAKING THIS PHENOMENON OCCUR, SO WE FOLLOWED IT HERE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS

FORCING DOPPEL LINERS TO ENCOUNTER ONE ANOTHER, PRODUCING DESTINIES OF DEATH--

SOMEONE MUST BE BEHIND IT!

ARTIFICIAL?

!!?

!?

SINCE WHEN DID I SAY IT WAS A HUMAN'S DOING?

NO WAY .!

A HUMAN CAN'T POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FIND DOPPEL LINERS WITHIN THIS HUGE POPULATION!

THAT'S RIGHT . THE ONE I AM TALKING ABOUT IS--

--NONE OTHER THAN A MOTOTSUMI-TAMA.

WE DIDN'T COME TO TOKYO SIMPLY TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION.

I WANT YOU TO HAVE A LOOK AT THIS.

THIS DATA WAS SENT BY TNO'S MOTOTSUMITAMA NINE YEARS AGO DURING AN INVESTIGATION IN OKINAWA'S KITAKU CITY

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OKINAWA

...?

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"TNO IS THE ACRONYM FOR "THE NOBLE ONE"

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WHAT IS THIS PICTURE...?

OUR COMPANIONS HAD GOTTEN TO THE CENTER OF THE INCIDENT AND APPARENTLY DISCOVERED CLUES ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS' IDENTITIES.

FROM THE INVESTIGATION THERE, WE LEARNED ABOUT THE ARTIFICIAL ALTER EGOS FOR THE FIRST TIME

BUT, IT DIDN'T GO SMOOTHLY

BUT EVERYONE WAS ELIMINATED BY THOSE MEN !

BUT RECENTLY HERE IN TOKYO THE EXACT SAME PHENOMENA HAVE BEGUN TO OCCUR.

REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED TO KITAKU, BUT BY THE TIME THEY ARRIVED, THE ABNORMAL DOPPEL LINER PHENOMENA DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE

NO WAY! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

MORE-OVER,

THE MAN IN THE PHOTO WHO WAS SECRETLY MANEUVERING THINGS BEARS A CREST, IDENTICAL TO ANOTHER MAN'S

AND HE IS IN THE LION GOD CLAN, ACCORDING TO THE INFO WE OBTAINED

!!?

KURO!

SHOW ME THAT PHOTO!

Ah...?

.....

!

DO YOU NOW FULLY UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION?

WE WERE DISPATCHED TO TOKYO TO VALIDATE THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS INFOR-MATION..

BE ALIVE--

THAT MAN WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE

!!?

Eh?!

THE PEOPLE IN THIS PHOTO, I KNOW ONE OF THEM...

KEITA, WHY DO YOU KNOW THAT MAN...?!

NOT THE MEN

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NO…

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ON THE MAN'S SIDE THERE'S A PERSON.

THAT LOOKS EXACTLY--

--LIKE MOM…

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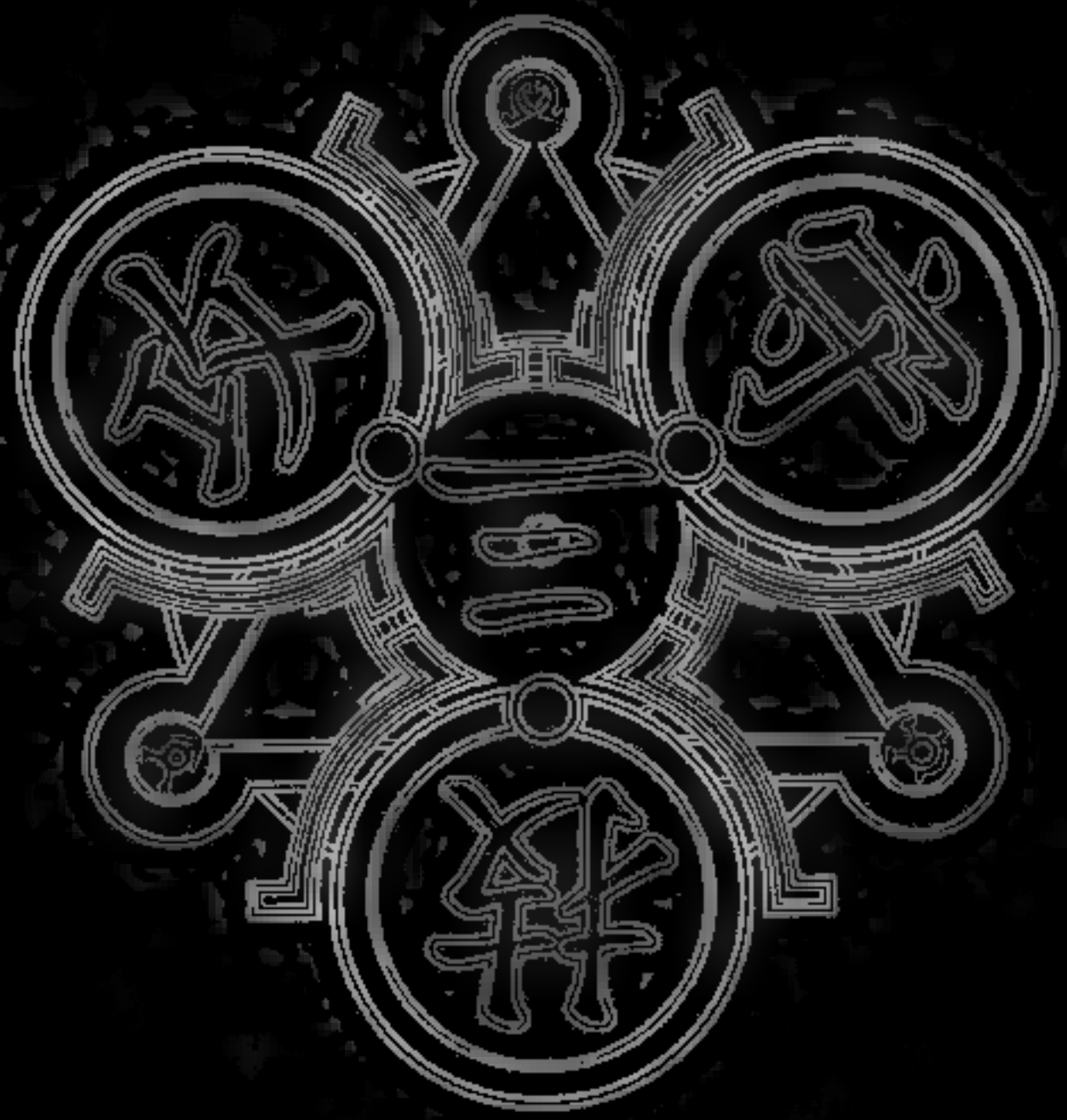
KEITA'S--

--MM ?



THE PERSON IN THIS PHOTO--

--LOOKS JUST LIKE--

--MY MOM...

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FATE.18 DESTINY × RESOLVE

B-BUT, KEITA-SAN!

WASN'T YOUR MOTHER KILLED AFTER SHE SAW HER DOPPEL LINER? IF THAT'S TRUE, THIS CAN'T BE HER.

.....!?

IT'S TRUE! ISN'T THAT MAKI?!

.....!!

.....!!

YEA. um, IT WAS NINE YEARS AGO, I WAS... ALSO THERE.

!!

YOUR MOTHER ALSO ENCOUNTERED HER DOPPEL LINER?

WHAT DAY DID YOUR MOTHER DIE?

MAY 12TH, 1998 WHY?

.....!!

I SEE

.....!?

THEN, THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WOMAN IN THE PHOTO IS YOUR MOTHER HASN'T BEEN RULED OUT

APRIL 18TH. JUST AS HE SAID

LOOK AT THE DATE ON THE PHOTO.

IT'S ONE MONTH BEFORE THE DAY SHE DIED.

.....!?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

WHY DOES MOM HAVE TO HAVE A CONTRACT WITH ONE OF THEM?!

HOWEVER, THE WOMAN IN THAT PHOTO IS DISTINGUISHED AS BEING A MOTOTSUMITAMA'S PARTNER.

BUT THAT PLACE...

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WHAT I SAID IS JUST A POSSIBILITY AT MOST THERE IS NO ACTUAL PROOF IT IS YOUR MOTHER.

.....!

OKINAWA,

THE PLACE MOM WAS BORN AND RAISED!

WHEN I WAS A KID, I OFTEN WENT WITH HER THERE.

SO, THAT MEANS..

.....!?

.....!?

MOM'S DEATH IS ALSO RELATED TO THESE MOTOTSU-MITAMA GUYS, RIGHT?!

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RELAX

IN ANY CASE. .

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CONDUCT A MORE DETAILED INVESTIGATION ON THE LION GOD CLAN.

JUST SITTING HERE MAKING SPECULATIONS ABOUT THIS AND THAT IS POINT-LESS.

THERE ARE TOO MANY UNCERTAIN ELEMENTS HERE TO MAKE A JUDGEMENT

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A-ACTUALLY, WE'VE ALREADY MET PEOPLE WHO SAID THEY WERE PART OF THE LION GOD CLAN

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I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY, BUT THEY TRIED TO KIDNAP ME

IS THAT TRUE?!

WHEN?! WHERE DID YOU MEET THEM?!

TELL ME THE DETAILS NOW!!

U-UM... WELL...

IN ORDER TO GET INFORMATION FROM ANOTHER PERSON,

YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED

……?

STEINER, TRYING TO GET CLOSE TO SOMEONE WITH THAT WILD ATTITUDE WILL JUST CONFUSE THEM.

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Excel. it hurts!

FOR EXAMPLE; THIS!

Ballantine

VERY OLD SCOTCH WHISKY

WAIT A MINUTE!

ISN'T THAT FROM THE KITCHEN?!

……!!

Ooh, ALCOHOL IS WONDERFUL!

HOW ABOUT A DRINK? IT WILL LIGHTEN THE MOOD, TOO!

THE ROOT, CHIHARU SAEKI, WAS ADMITTED INTO THE HOSPITAL UNDER THE KAIONJI GROUP'S JURISDICTION.

GOOD WORK.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE ROOTS?

A FEW HAVE DRAMATICALLY CHANGED ALTHOUGH SOME NOW DISPLAY DELUSIONAL SYMPTOMS, THE MAJORITY ARE DOING WELL

AFTER BEING DISCHARGED, THEY ARE BEING MOVED TO THE BIOCHEMICAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF ICHIHARA LABORATORIES.

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MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN REGARDS TO THAT OTHER MATTER, ARE THE PREPARATIONS COMPLETE?

CONTINUE TO HANDLE ANY ACQUAINTENCES AS ALWAYS. UNTIL THEY CALM DOWN ALSO, GIVE UTMOST ATTENTION TO INTERCEPTING ANY CONTACT WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

UNDER-STOOD MS KAIONJI.

THE PREPARATIONS ARE NOT IN ORDER

HOWEVER, DURING MR REISHIN'S ABSENCE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MOBILIZE THE TRIBAL END?

LITERALLY ...ON RANK 'SUBORDINATE MOTOTS' MIYAMA

.....!

I WILL MAKE THE JUDGEMENTS HERE.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

BRING HER BEFORE ME

I SEE THE ASIN GOD CLAN WAS TARGETING ME AGAIN

IT REALY PIZES ME OFF!

.....!

I DUN REMEMBER THOSE SHTERANGE GUYS HAVING A GRUDGE AGAINSHT ME!

.....

I'M JUSTA REGGLAR OFFICE WORKER WHO'S WORKIN' HARD TO SAVE MONEY WHILE PLANNIN' 'ER FUTURE WEDDIN'!

WHY'D THEY HAFTA TARGET ME?

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WHYDA THINK LOOK AFTER YOU, EVEN MOVIN' TO TOKYO?!

'CAUSE YA BROUGHT IT UP, IMMA SAY IT STRAIGHT!

HOW LONG YA PLAN ON ACTING LIKA KID?!

W-WHAT ?!

DON'T YOU ALWAYS REGRET IT THE NEXT DAY ?

AKANE, IT'S TIME TO STOP.. YOU'VE DRANK TOO MUCH.

What?! Shaddap!

WHAT'S ENUFF?!

I GET IT, THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY, AKANE.

THATSH CUZ WAS ASKED BY YER DAD! YOU SHUD ACT MORE GREATFUL. N'STUFF ..

RIIIGHT?!

YA GOOD FER NUTHIN'

throw away?!

YOU COME HOME ALLUVA SUDDEN NJUS' THROW SUM GIRL AWAY THAT I GOTTA TAKE CARE OF .. YER REALLY LOOSE WIT' GIRLS...

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I have no idea what you're talking about.

...?

THASH RIGHT!

You too...?

Keitash compleely goodfer-nothin!

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KEITASH ONLY LETTIN US EAT TWICE A DAY! TWICSH A DAY!

YOU GOTTA TAKE RESHPONSHIBILITY AND RAISH THE FAMILY RIGHT!

ITSH CHILD ABUESH!

KURO OBJECTSH TO DIS PLACE!

What children?!

Yeah! Let her eat what she wants!

Let Kuro eat all the cup ramen she wantsh!

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SHUT UP!

YOU POSSESS BOTH MOTOTSUMI-TAMA AND HUMAN PARTNERS I ADMIRE YOU.

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CUT IT OUT, YOU TWO!

LEMME GO! I SAID LET GO!

.....

TO A STRANGE EXTENT THIS YOUNG MAN SEEMS TO HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO US..

HOWEVER, THE MATTER ABOUT HIS MOTHER, AS WELL AS THE MATTER REGARDING THAT YOUNG WOMAN.

.....?

THAT HE ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT MAY BE NO MERE COINCIDENCE..

HAVE YOU SENSED IT?

THE FATE THIS BOY BEARS...?

LETTING AKANE DRINK WAS A MISTAKE IN THE FIRST PLACE .

EVERYONE'S GETTING DRUNK!

MAN!

DAMNIT !

I REMEMBERED
IT AGAIN

.....
!?

Umm .
KEITA-
SAN

KURO?

WHATYA WANT? WEREN'T YOU JUST DRUNK A MOMENT AGO?!

ABOUT YOUR MOTHER

.....?

AS A MOTO-TSUMITAMA, I APOLOGIZE

YOU HAVE NO REASON TO APOLOGIZE!

THAT THING ABOUT MY MOM ISN'T CERTAIN ANYWAY

BUT IF THAT IS YOUR MOTHER,

THEN LIKE IT OR NOT, SHE WAS INVOLVED SOMEHOW WITH THOSE MOTO-TSUMITAMAS IN THE PHOTO-GRAPH!

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JUST LIKE HOW KURO WAS INVOLVED KEITA-SAN...

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVEN'T SAID YET.

THE MAN WITH THE CREST IS WHO KURO WAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR.

PROBABLY THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE LION GOD CLAN.

--KURO WILL GO TO OKINAWA!

AND DEFINITELY FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT KEITA'S MOTHER!

THAT GUY IN THE PHOTO...?

...?

PLEASE LET KURO FULFILL HER DUTY

TO REVEAL THE SINS THAT MOTOTSUMITAMA HAVE COMMIT-TED

...

TO RESOLVE KEITA'S ANGUISH. THAT'S WHY--

SO . UNTIL KURO RETURNS PLEASE TAKE CARE OF AKANE-SAN TOO!

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THAT IS THE LEAST THAT KURO CAN DO, TO ATONE FOR ALL THE TROUBLE CAUSED UP UNTIL NOW...

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HEY .

Ah. NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT .

YOU PLAN ON PITYING ME?

N-NO, THAT'S NOT--

THEN WHAT?!

YOU MEAN THAT YOU THINK I SHOULD CRY YOU A RIVER AND BE THANKFUL?!

YOU THINK YOU CAN SOLVE MY PROBLEMS?! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE OKINAWA IS, SO JUST WHAT ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN?!

B-but

.....!!

GEEZ.

.....

THIS JUST MEANS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO WITH YOU!

RIGHT, KUROO!

A MOTOSUMI-TAMA AND THEIR PARTNER ARE ONE.

Shees...
YOUR STUPIDITY
IS CONTAGIOUS!

FATE.19 PROPHECY OF INDECISION

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

FORGIVE ME I'M REALLY SORRY.

THERE'S NO GOOD EXCUSE FOR OUR LEADER TO BAIL OUT LIKE THIS!

YOU'RE GOING TO OKINAWA FOR ABOUT A WEEK?!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LEAVING AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!

.....

AIN'T THAT A LITTLE UNFAIR?

BUT WITHOUT EVEN TELLING US WHY, YOU'RE TAKING A WHOLE WEEK OFF?

GEEZ WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE.

JUST GO!

W-WAIT A SEC, KUBO-YAMA!

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HE'S REALLY SERIOUS! JUST SHUT UP AND LET HIM GO ALREADY

YOU KNOW THIS GUY'S AS SLOPPY INSIDE AS HIS OUTSIDE...

GUYS...

A-ah. WELL, HE IS OUR TRUSTED LEADER, AFTER ALL.

EVEN IF JUST A DAY SOONER, PLEASE COME BACK

WHEN YOUR BUSINESS IS DONE, THEN GET BACK HERE!

SHI-
SHIOZAKI-
SAN?!

Oh YEAH!
LET SHIOZAKI
KNOW FOR
ME ..

YOU
NEEDED
SOMETHING
FROM ME?

IT'S QUITE A
PROBLEM, AT THIS
IMPORTANT TIME,
THE LEADER GOING
ABSENT. . AND
THERE'S US, TOO,
WHO'VE INVESTED
IN YOU. .

U-UM,
SHIOZAKI-SAN,
ACTUALLY I--

SORRY BUT,
I ALREADY
OVERHEARD
IT ALL

BUT WITH SUCH RELIABLE PARTNERS AS THESE, I'M SURE THINGS WILL WORK OUT IF IT IS JUST A WEEK, RIGHT?

!

Ah.. SO. IT'S LIKE THAT AFTER ALL

AEA

WELL, WITH YOUR MIND ON WHATEVER'S WORRYING YOU, EVEN IF YOU WORKED, YOUR EFFICENCY WON'T IMPROVE...

YOU'VE GOT ONE WEEK. BE READY FOR A FRESH START AS SOON AS YOU COME BACK FROM FINISHING WHATEVER IT IS YOU NEED TO DO

SHIOZAKI-SAN!

WE'LL BE WAITING!

YOU CAN GO WITHOUT WORRIES, KEITA!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL, IBUKI-KUN!

Heh heh, OKINAWA'S A GREAT PLACE, ISN'T IT?

I WILL!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Huh?

THOSE STRANGE GUYS LEFT ALREADY?

Ah, THAT WAS FAST! EXCEL SAID THEY HAD SOMETHING TO DO, AND LEFT ALREADY

I WAS WORRIED SOMETHING STRANGE MIGHT HAPPEN WHILE I WAS OUT BUT--

LOOKS LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED

DINNER ISN'T READY YET.

Oh, THAT'S RIGHT. I'M SORRY, KEITA.

ADDED!
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HOW'S WORK LATELY?

Ah, I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT IT. . SOMEHOW

Hmm? THAT'S GREAT! ♪

THE TRIP HOW SHOULD I BRING IT UP TO AKANE ?

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SECONDS, PLEASE!

IF I TELL THE TRUTH THEN I'M GOING TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN

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Umm AKANE?

Hm?

Um THAT FACT IS--

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KURO BE CAREFUL MOTORCYCLES ARE HEADING THIS WAY

...!

...?

Run Bat-

!!

KURO!

?.....

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Kyaaaa

KURO!

KURO-CHAN!

……!!

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ARE THESE GUYS

……

TARGET CONFIRMED

!!!

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NO

THAT HURT

ARE YOU OKAY?

I-I'M FINE!

……!!

Hmph.

AS EXPECTED OF A HIGHER RANK. THAT MUCH DIDN'T EVEN PHASE YOU.

BUT OUR TIME IS ALSO PRECIOUS. BEHAVE YOURSELF BY HANDING OVER THE WOMAN AND THIS WILL END WITHOUT SPILLING ANY MORE BLOOD.

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JUST WHO ARE YOU!!

NO DOUBT THESE GUYS ARE--

AN IMPURE TERA FLOW.

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.....!!

YOU'RE ALL TRIBAL ENDS?!

DON'T GROUP US WITH THAT LOSER, SEIJI.

HEY, HEY,

THESE ARE THE PARTNERS OF THAT WHIP-USING BASTARD?!

THAT'S ENOUGH TALK.

(KAN) IS *ENFORCEMENT* AS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES, SO THE EXE...TE HERE MEANS TO CARRY OUT

EXECUTION!

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KURO!

SYNCHRO

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CHANCE?
YOU MOVE PRETTY WELL
BUT NOW YOU'VE LOST YOUR CHANCE...
THESE GUYS. THEY'VE RECEIVED SOME KIND OF TRAINING!

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THE CHANCE TO SURVIVE UNSCATHED...

FATE.20 RESTRAINT "SELF-SACRIFICE"

AKANE, GET BEHIND ME!

I'LL END IT IN FIVE MINUTES.

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SEEMS YOU'RE CONFIDENT IN YOUR SPEED

BUT THAT ENDS HERE!

EAT THIS!

EXCEED!

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Goh!

天龍封拿衝

TENRYU FUJIN SHOU

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YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT AND SEALED BY THE DRAGON THAT SOARS THE SKIES... MY EXCEED!

THIS IS OUR UNBEATABLE FORMATION!

Hehehe WITH THIS TECHNIQUE MY OPPONENT IS RESTRAINED, LEAVING THE OTHER FOUR TO MAKE SWISS CHEESE OUT OF THEM!

YOU COWARD!

Gyahaha! IN A FIGHT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS CHEATING!

DIE!

NORMALLY, THIS WOULD BE THE PART WHERE I'D HAVE A LITTLE FUN, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME

-GUHA-

KILL HER NOW!

!!?

SHI
DEATH

SHI
DEATH
SHADOW

JIN
FORMATION

KURO!

KURO-CHAN!

Heh.

NOW ALL THAT IS LEFT IS HER SHITTY PARTNER?

D-DON'T YOU TOUCH AKANE!

KEITA!

SHUT IT.

I WON'T GIVE HER TO YOU!

DAMN. IT

THEN DIE!

NOOO!

!!?

WHAT THE HELL?!

I THOUGHT I FELT THE STIR OF VIOLENT TERA AND WANTED TO CHECK IT OUT

BUT NOW I SEE IT'S WASTED ON THIS TRASH

NO. YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG

!.....

JUST--

WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO FIGHT YOU.

?

LOOKOUT! HE'S GOING TO--!

--TO TAKE YOU DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT!

天龍封拿衝

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*TURN TO BEFORE.

HYAHA! IT'S OVER FOR YOU TOO!

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WHA...? THIS IS?

SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO "TAKE ME DOWN"?

THIS TECHNIQUE JUST RESTRAINS THE OPPONENT

!

Koh!

THAT'S BECAUSE THOSE GUYS ARE YOUR OPPONENTS'

USELESS

N-NO WAY!

C-CLONES ISN'T THAT CHEATING?!

EXCEED STAMPEDE!

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SO, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU ONCE MORE.

HOW WERE YOU GOING TO "TAKE ME DOWN"?

!

Hahh!

W-WAIT A SEC!

滅牙得救世

MESA/EYE

超越技

EXCEED

THERE'RE NO TIME-OUTS IN A FIGHT!

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INSANELY STRONG

THEY'RE ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM US

EINVERSTANDEN!

STEINER

R-RETREAT!

AS LONG AS THE PARTNER HAS NO ABILITIES, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR A MOTOTSUMITAMA TO ACQUIRE VICTORY IN A FIGHT BETWEEN OTHERS LIKE THEM.

YOU JUST BECOME A BURDEN IN THAT CASE

AND EVEN MORE SO IF YOU CAN'T EVEN PROTECT YOURSELF.

AH

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YET,

WHILE POWERLESS YOU STILL PROTECTED MS. AKANE YOUR SPIRIT WAS ADMIRABLE!

Ah, YEAH, I M FINE

KEITA I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY!

I... I HAVE TO PROTECT HER!

I CAN'T LEAVE HER BEHIN AFTER ALL

FATE.21 ENCOUNTER : GIVE & TAKE

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Baggage
お手荷物受付
20
お荷物は
機内へ持ち込める
大きさですか?
Is your baggage
small enough for carry-on
HANEDA AIRPORT
SO PLEASE, LET US RIDE TOGETHER! I BEG YOU!
IT'S TRUE! THIS LITTLE GUY IS VERY QUIET!
ANA
!
MA'AM, PLEASE PUT HIM IN A CAGE. WE WOULDN'T WANT H.M TO BE LOST IN THE CARGO, WOULD WE?

Umm...

IT'S MUCH MORE CRUEL TO PUT ANIMALS INTO BAGS AND THROUGH X-RAYING!

Umm.

SHE'S JUST A BIT "SPECIAL," BE EASY ON HER

YOU ARE A TERRIBLE PERSON!

DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT THAT'S ANIMAL CRUELTY?!

GEEZ HOW EMBARASSING

No way!

Please don't hang out with me!

Hmm

Hmm

AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED

THEY ARE NOT EVEN A BIT WORRIED

WHY ME?

. . .THE REASON IS THE **LEAST** OF OUR CONCERNS.

. . .!

THOSE GUYS ON BIKES WERE TRYING TO **KIDNAP** ME

FOR WHAT REASON? I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA...

THE ENEMY IS SERIOUS.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY DON'T CARE WHAT MEASURES THEY HAVE TO TAKE.

……!

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SET OUT FOR OKINAWA WITH MS. AKANE AT ONCE.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

OKINAWA...?

KEITA, WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?

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Eh?

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THE PICTURE WITH, MIKI IN IT?

YESTERDAY,

YOU SAW THAT PHOTO, RIGHT?

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AKANE, Um

...!

TO UNCOVER THE MEANING OF THAT PHOTO-GRAPH,

I'VE DECIDED TO GO WITH KURO TO OKINAWA!

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S MOM, BUT,

OKINAWA S MOM'S BIRTHPLACE, SO I DON'T THINK IT'S UNRELATED

COME WITH US, TOO!

SO, AKANE, PLEASE!

B-BUT.

I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE IN TOKYO!

...?

IT SEEMS YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND.

BUT IT'S TOO SUDDEN.

IF YOU STAY HERE THE SITUATION WILL WORSEN, AND YOU MAY ULTIMATELY LOSE YOUR LIFE

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S REASON ENOUGH TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF?

IN ORDER TO TAKE A VACATION FROM THE BANK, I'D HAVE TO--

DO YOU NOT SEE THAT HIS SUGGESTION--

--WAS MADE FOR YOUR SAKE?

EXCEL

.....

WELL, I GUESS A NOVICE IS BETTER THAN NOTHING..

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THAT'S RIGHT!

KURO WILL RISK HER LIFE TO PROTECT YOU!

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SINCE WE'RE GOING, MAYBE WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN, TOO?

Ehehe

YEAH!

SO IT'S DEC DED! LET'S GO TOGETHER!

AKANE. !

…?

I HATE TO RUIN YOUR HAPPY VACATION PLANS, BUT

WHAT HAPPENED?

THOSE GUYS TURNED UP **DEAD** IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY

GETTING RID OF ALL EVIDENCE?

MOST LIKELY

IT SEEMS THAT THEIR MISSION'S FAILURE WAS NOT FORGIVABLE.

IT'S NOT THAT THEY WERE USELESS.

IT'S BEST YOU ALL FLY TO OKINAWA ASAP

STARTING TOMORROW WE ARE GOING TO UNCOVER THEIR PLANS.

IT SEEMS THE ENEMY IS A FAR LARGER ORGANIZATION THAN WE ANTICIPATED...

IF YOU CAN GATHER EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THAT PHOTO,

IT WILL BE A HUGE LEAD FOR OUR INVESTIGATION.

HOWEVER, KEITA IBUKI,

...!

YOU MUST BE AWARE OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

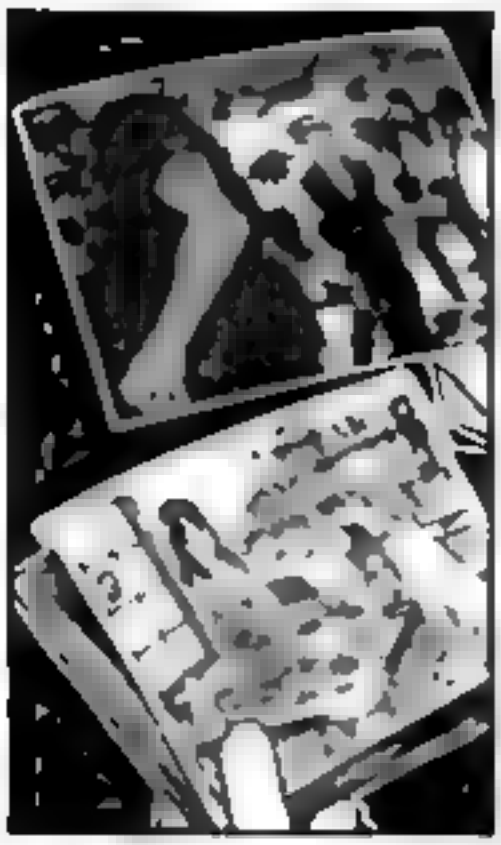
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR JOURNEY, YOU, TOO, MUST BECOME STRONGER.

YOU ARE NOTHING BUT LUGGAGE, TYING DOWN YOUR PARTNER...!

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, AS YOU ARE NOW,

...!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE SHE
CALLED ME
[illegible]
BUT I CAN'T
REALLY ARGUE
WITH THAT



MOM...

ARE YOU CONSTIPATED?

Bubble: Ugya?.

THE #&@$ ARE YOU DOING?!

WHA-- THE HELL?!

HE'S STANDING GUARD OUTSIDE

WHERE'S YOUR BABY-SITTER?!

I DID.

THIS IS THE MEN'S RESTROOM!

DIDN'T YOU SEE THE SIGN?!

BECAUSE I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU

...?

I NEEDED A PLACE WITHOUT OTHER PEOPLE,

THIS IS IT.

...!

AN ACCESSORY FOR BATTLE, "THOUSAND"

IT REACTS TO THE HUMAN PARTNER, INVOKING A UNIQUE ABILITY. IT ORIGINATED WITH THE MOTOTSUMITAMAS OF OLD

"TH-
THOUSAND?!

LOOK CLOSELY

...?

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

I CAN'T STAND TO LOOK AT LOWER THAN A C CUP!

ALSO...

Eh!?

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ミシル

YOU'VE SEEN IT THE WALL THAT APPEARS DURING BATTLE.

THIS IS MY *THOUSAND*, **"HEXA-WALL"!**

I DON'T KNOW WHAT AWAITS YOU IN OKINAWA BUT DON'T FORGET THIS.

IF YOU FALL INTO A TRULY DANGEROUS SITUATION,

THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN SAVE A MOTOTSUMITAMA IS HIS PARTNER!

THE THOUSAND WORKS BY UTILIZING THE HUMAN PARTNER'S PURE TERA. .

YOU SHOULD BY ALL MEANS PRACTICE DAILY TO GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH YOURS.

WATCH YOUR TONGUE. I AM OLDER THAN YOU.

H-huh?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?!

WHY ARE YOU GIVING THIS TO ME?

W-WAIT A SEC!

!

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HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL CONTRACTED HUMANS UNDERGO THE SAME CHANGES

THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS A CONTRACT CAN DO TO YOUR BODY I GROW AND AGE VERY SLOWLY

HEY, THAT DOESN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION. .

Jh, MA'AM!

AS YOUR SENIOR, MY RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTRUCT YOU IS NOW COMPLETE

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TRY BRINGING YOU FACE A LITTLE CLOSER.

!

A LITTLE MORE

LIKE THIS?

!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT PLAN?

?

AS AN ADULT, HERE'S SOME ADVICE,

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?

IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEARN TO KINDLY ACCEPT THE GOODWILL OF STRANGERS.

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MEN AS STUBBORN AS YOU--

--AREN'T THAT BAD.

I PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS.

!

TAKE *GOOD CARE* OF IT

THAT ACCESSORY I GAVE YOU..

COME BACK SAFE AND SOUND,

KEITA IBUKU..

HEY, KEITA..

Just for a little while?
Hmph
Whoa
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT, AKANE?!

Hehe, ISN'T THIS JUST THE WAY A HONEYMOON WOULD BE?

THIS OBENTOU IS TOO SMALL! IT'S FREE, RIGHT? RIGHT?!

SO SECONDS ARE OKAY TOO, RIGHT?!

CAN I HAVE THREE?

I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S—

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I'M GONNA FIND THE TRUTH, NO MATTER WHAT

THE TRUTH HIDDEN IN THAT PHOTO...

NO MATTER WHAT!

ITS DESTINATION IS OKINAWA.

THE THREE ARE ON THE FLIGHT THAT JUST LEFT

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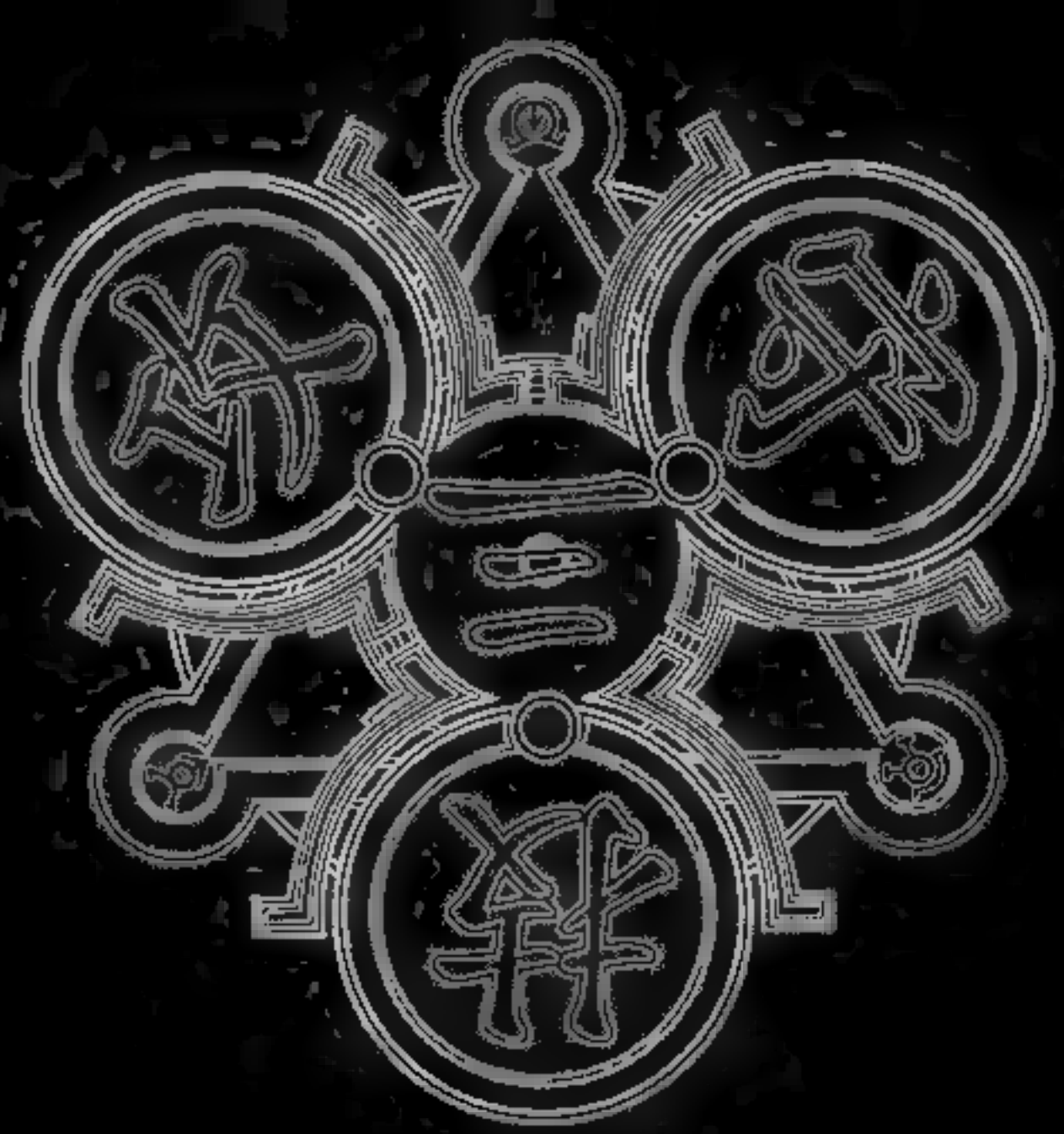
GOOD WORK.

--SMOTHERED IN REGRET AND DESPAIR?

YOU DARE TO RISK YOUR LIFE AND TO GO TO THE PLACE--



シュタイナー&エクセル

シュタイナー [Steiner]

ゲルマン・ハイ・カウンシル一族の上位元神霊。数多の上位元神霊が所属する"The Noble One"から選抜されるだけの高い戦闘能力を誇る。また、任務遂行には私的な感情を一切混入しない、冷徹な精神の持ち主。彼が駆使するEXCEED STAMPEDEは、本体と同じ質量・同レベルのパワーを持つ分身4体を出現させ、敵を攻撃する。各分身体は本体の命令に従いつつ、それぞれ独自の状況判断で戦闘が可能。

↑ゲルマン・ハイ・カウンシル一族の紋章。

欧州連合 "The Noble One"

ヨーロッパに存在する4つの元神霊グループを中心に、元神霊同士の共助・「逃れし者」の除去・共存均衡の維持を目的に組織された連合体。現在は、ヨーロッパ全土、中東、アフリカの一部地域を管理している。本来、人間社会には一切干渉しないというのが元神霊の姿勢であり、それを忠実に守っている日本やアジア各国の元神霊とは異なり、人間社会の権力中枢(国家・王朝・宗教など)と密接な関係を結んでいる。

アジア各地で起きている怪現象－人為的「逃れし者」－の調査のため、欧州連合"The Noble One"から日本に派遣された上位元神霊とその契約者。

エクセル [EXCEL]

本名不明(「エクセル」はコード名)。年齢不詳。幼女のような外見は、シュタイナーとの契約により成長と老化が極端に遅くなるという身体変異が起きたためであり、契約者として過ごした長い年月は彼女に豊かな経験と深い慧眼を与えている。戦闘装身具「サウザンド」を複数所持しているが、現在明らかになっているのは「方陣障壁」と、亜太に与えた指輪(名称と能力は不明)だけである。シュタイナーの契約者となる以前に、ある悲痛な出来事を経験している。

↑エクセルの装着しているサウザンド「方陣障壁」。

"The Noble One"の中心を担う4つの元神霊グループの名前は下記の通り。
ノーマン・マジェスティック・サークル[Norman Majestic Circle]
ケルト・アライアンス[The Celt Alliance]
ローマン・コグネイト[Roman Cognate]
そして、ゲルマン・ハイ・カウンシル[German High-Council]である。

HMM?
NO ONE'S
HOME?

EVEN THOUGH
HE ASKED ME TO
"HELP PACK FOR
OKINAWA"

SPECIAL 5 AKANE'S AFTERNOON

ヒキコモリ

TODAY I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO HAVE A WORD WITH THEM!
ガラガラ

DO THEY EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF?
Oh GEEZ!
THIS PLACE ISN'T A LANDFILL.

ドンドン

黒神3

KIND
FEEDS ME

Oh!
YOU WERE THERE, CUTIE?
SORRY, I DIDN'T NOTICE!

STOP IT, THAT TICKLES!
STOP LICKING ME~
CONCLUSION
GOOD PERSON

WELL, UNTIL THEY COME BACK, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND I GOTTA CLEAN THIS PLACE UP!

WHEN ARE THEY COMING HOME?
Hmm?
WHERE DID KEITA AND YOUR MASTER GO?

JUST LEAVE IT BE

HOW CAN YOU PACK FOR A TRIP WHEN EVERYTHING IS SUCH A MESS?!

HUFF THE BEDROOMS ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT

W-why is it in Keita's bedroom?!

Th-this is Kuro's coat

!

MAYBE THOSE TWO--

M MAYBE

HEHEHE

AS A FREELOADER, YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY REFUSE...

FORGIVE ME, MASTER! Aaaah!

KURO...

KEITA...

.....

カチッ

YEAH RIGHT NO WAY!

.....
Oh MY GOD...!
ah! those breasts are huge...!
JIKES! WHAT IS THIS DIRTY STUFF HE'S READING?!

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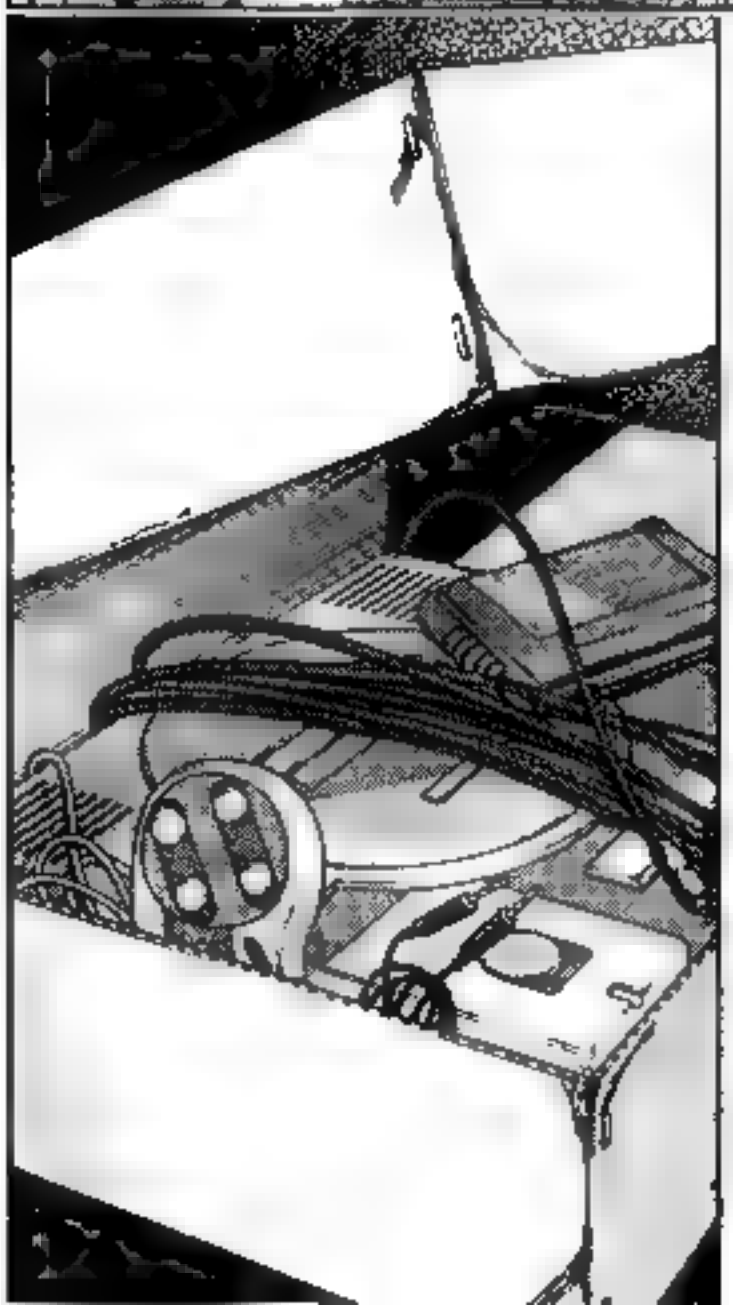
SHE'S HAVING FUN
THE PLACE YOU HID IT WAS SO OBVIOUS.
Hehe! I FOUND YOUR SECRET STASH!



Hm?
WHAT'S THIS OLD FADED BOX?

MOM'S GONNA
WALK HOME
ALONE AT NIGHT
IT'S NOT FAIR,
SO I'M GONNA
WAIT HERE

EVEN IF I DO
HOME THERE'S
NOTHING TO DO

I SAID NO!

GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE TO PLAY SOME GAME ISN'T FUN! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

NO WAY, NORI ONLY PLAYS BY HIMSELF THERE'S NO WAY HE'D LEND IT TO ME

BUT, I'LL ASK HIM.

OR MAYBE YOU BOUGHT IT?

IS THAT WHY? IF SO, DON'T BOTHER ME!

SO OKAY?

LET'S GO HOME NOW

Huh?

TAKE THAT! SHE WON'T BUY ONE SO NOW SHE'LL LEAVE ME ALONE

OKAY, I'LL BUY YOU ONE

SO LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER

I'LL BUY YOU ONE

I CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING, BUT LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK!

WHAT ABOUT GAMES? YOU'LL BUY ME *DRAGON QUEST* AND *FFII*?

REALLY? YOU PROMISE?!

I SAVED SOME, SO IT'S OKAY LET'S GO NOW!

Y-YOU'RE GOING TO BUY ONE? WHAT ABOUT THE MONEY?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT THAT'S THE REASON WHY HE BECAME ADDICTED TO GAMES.

--IT GAVE HIM THE DREAM OF BECOMING A GAME CREATOR TOO.

BUT THEN AGAIN, BECAUSE OF THAT--

Kanna

HOTARU

I?

ピチャ・ピチャ

AHHH!

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S CURRY..!

W-WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?!

?

(And I just cleaned everything too...)

ペットフード

BALLOON: PUNYPUNY - THE DOG'S NAME

ドン

HEY, STAY STILL!

IT'S YOUR FAULT THIS HAPPENED!

キャン!

-Sigh-
I'M WORN OUT AND THEY STILL HAVEN'T COME HOME.

SINCE I HAVE THE CHANCE I'M GOING TO WASH YOU WELL!

ANYWAY, DOES KURO EVER GIVE YOU A BATH?

. . GOSH, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE STARVING

I'M HUNGRY TOO.

GOT IT, PUNY?

ゴッ ゴッ ゴッ

SINCE INDOOR PETS HAVE TO BE CLEANED REGULARLY, YOU BETTER GET USED TO THIS

キャン キャン

チュン

BUT STILL,

.....

WHY ARE THOSE TWO TAKING THEIR SWEET TIME?!

Ah!

RIGHT, PUNY?

I-I BELIVE IN KEITA BUT . IN THE SLIM CHANCE I MIGHT BE WRONG, THERE MIGHT BE A BIG PROBLEM.

STOP!

WAIT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

I'M NOT DONE YET!

Kyaa!

C'MERE, PUNY!

Grrrr~

KYAA!

BU--WHAT THE HELL?! WHY ARE YOU BARE NAKED?!

WOOF! WOOF!

PUNY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

!?

K-KEITA-SAN, PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO AKANE-SAN ABOUT THIS.

AKANE'S HOME!

HEY LISTEN, THIS IDIOT HERE SAID SHE KNEW A GREAT SHORTCUT SO I FOLLOWED HER.

Get out?

B-but this is my place?!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?! GET OUT!!

PUNY, HANG IN THERE! PUNY!!

黒神3 おわり

Black God
Bonus Track

Well, there are always convenience stores..
Unbelievable! Then what the heck do manga studios eat when they pull all-nighters?!

In Korea, since there are many businesses that are open until dawn, you can order food all night long

Yessir!

Ah! I didn't even realize it was 3 in the morning. Go order some food now!

Who ordered the large?

Oh, over here!

In fact even if you order from a park or the top of a mountain, the food will be delivered properly!

Well, more or less it differs by region.

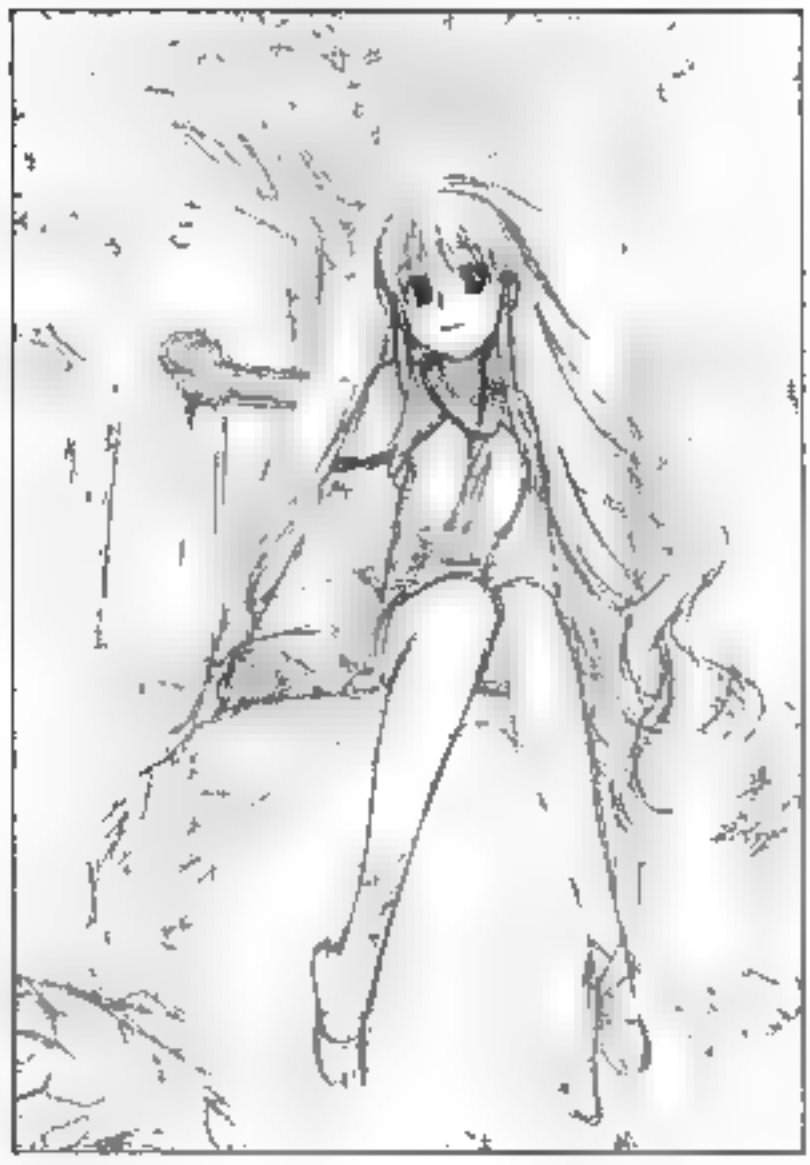
Places that offer things like pizza and fried chicken offer delivery until about three in the morning

Yes, but--

Aaah.. you mean that in the end Japan and Korea are the same after all?

Even with such convenient service, it costs extra... Generally the neighborhood convenience store's cup ramen is the best solution.

Slurp



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